

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

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SKETCHES  
OF  
LEGISLATORS  
AND  
STATE OFFICERS

1876-1878.

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## FIFTH DISTRICT.

*County.*—Houston.

REPRESENTATIVE WASHINGTON HOLLEY was born in Alabama, and has reached his fifty-fourth year. He moved to Texas eighteen years ago, and settled in Houston county, where he is engaged in farming.

Mr. Holley had always lived the life of a private citizen, prior to the canvass for the State election of 1876, when he was nominated by the Democrats of his district for a seat in the lower house of the Fifteenth Legislature, to which he was elected by 229 majority.

Mr. Holley is a gentleman of modesty and intelligence, and, though a quiet member of the Legislature, watches closely the interests of his constituency, and proposes to protect them.